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Docket Management Branch (HFA-305)
FDA
5630 Fishers Lane
Room 1601
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear FDA,

This letter is written to voice a strong personal objection to the petition submitted to the Food and Drug Administration by the "Center for Science in the Public Interest" to regulate the post harvest treatment of oysters.

I am a 57 year old male, diabetic, with a history of slight liver disorders. I haven't eaten a raw oyster in the last 15 years, even though they were one of my favorite foods. Why?--Because I made a personal choice to avoid the product. Just as non-swimmers should avoid deep water and heed the signs that say "swim at your own risk", and non-smokers should read and understand the warnings on every pack and every advertisement for cigarettes, I think the oyster industry deserves the same degree of personal decision and descretion afforded to other activities and products. This is simply another case of placing guilt and responsibility for a persons lack of good judgement and ability to read posted warnings on the industry producing the product.

Leave the oyster industry's regulatory responsibility to the appropriate state and federal bodies. Let them continue to educate the public concerning raw oyster consumption. Post harvest treatment will destroy the taste of the oyster and eliminate many of it's natural nutritional benefits. By mandating the treatment, you will help to destroy the industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles L. Gowland".

Charles L. Gowland



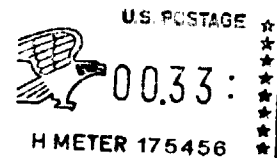
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